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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: PUERTO RICO, PANAMA, AND OTHER
LATIN AMERICAN ISSUES

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1. SUMMARY: CUBAN EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR INITIAL LANGUAGE ON
PUERTO RICO FAILS, BUT INDIANS ALSO DO NOT SUCCEED IN OPPOSITE
EFFORT TO SOFTEN PUERTO RICAN TEXT. PANAMANIAN DRAFT EVENHANDED
DECLARATION ON CANAL TREATIES. LATIN AMERICANS HAVE ONLY LIMITED
SUCCESS IN ELIMINATING REFERENCES TO INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL STATES.
NAM ENDORSES CUBAN LANGUAGE CALLING FOR END TO US EMBARGO AND
RETURN OF GUANTANAMO. END SUMMARY.

2. CUBAN INITIAL DRAFT OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU
COMMUNIQUE (SEE REFTEL) CONTAINED LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO CALLING
FOR "SUPPORT FOR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO
SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE" AND "QUICK ADOPTION OF
MEASURES THAT FAVOR THIS OBJECTIVE." REPRESENTATION ON

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FRINGES OF CONFERENCE OF PUERTO RICAN PSP PARTY DID NOT
CONSIDER ORIGINAL CUBAN LANGUAGE STRONG ENOUGH, HOWEVER,
AND, AT PUERTO RICANS' BEHEST, CUBANS INTRODUCED FOLLOWING
AMENDED LANGUAGE.

3. BEGIN QUOTE. THE BUREAU RECALLED ITS PREVIOUS DECISIONS
AND AGREEMENTS OF THE V SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN RELATION TO

THE COLONIAL CASE OF PUERTO RICO AND REAFFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND CALLED ON COMMITTEE OF DECOLONIZATION OF THE UN AND OTHER PERTINENT ORGANIZATIONS TO TAKE NOTE AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN REGARD TO ANNEXATIONIST MANEUVERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS UNDERTAKING DIRECTED TOWARD MAKING A FAIT ACCOMPLI OF THE TOTAL ABSORPTION OF PUERTO RICO IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GA RES 1514 (SV). AT SAME TIME, IT CALLS ON COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION, UPON CONCLUSION OF ITS DEBATES ON COLONIAL CASE OF PUERTO RICO, TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR ITS PROMPT DECOLONIZATION. END QUOTE.

4. CUBAN AMENDMENT DID NOT PROSPER DUE TO CRITICISM BY VARIOUS MODERATE STATES. BUT INDIAN EFFORT TO SOFTEN ORIGINAL CUBAN LANGUAGE ON PUERTO RICO "AS RECOGNITION OF POSITIVE MOVES IN US LATIN AMERICAN POLICY SUCH AS CANAL TREATIES", ALSO CAME TO NOUGHT. ULTIMATELY, ORIGINAL CUBAN LANGUAGE CALLING "INDEPENDENCE" (SEE PARA 2) WAS ADOPTED, WITH ONLY FOUR STATES - BOTSWANA, INDONESIA, ZAIRE, AND LIBERIA REGISTERING FORMAL RESERVATIONS.

5. ON CANAL TREATIES, PANAMA DRAFTED PARAGRAPH WHICH TRANSFORMED ORIGINAL CUBAN DRAFT'S CALL FOR UN NON-INTERVENTION AND RESPECT FOR CANAL'S NEUTRALITY INTO CALL
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ON ALL STATES TO THIS EFFECT. RESULT WAS BALANCED STATEMENT WHICH, IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, POINTED UP EXPRESS US REAFFIRMATION, DURING RATIFICATION PROCEEDINGS, OF RESPECT FOR PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN PANAMANIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

6. ON BELIZE, CUBAN DRAFT'S DIRECT ATTACK ON GUATEMALA WAS DROPPED, BUT FINAL COMMUNIQUE STILL CITES PERSISTENCE OF "THREATS AND PRESSURES" AGAINST "INVIOABILITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY" OF BELIZE. FINAL COMMUNIQUE CALLS FOR QUICK MOVEMENT TOWARD INDEPENDENCE, WHILE MAINTAINING TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF COLONY. (COMMENT: CUBA'S LATIN AMERICAN PROPAGANDA ORGAN PRISMA HAS JUST PUBLISHED INTERVIEW WITH BELIZE'S GEORGE PRICE WHO MAKES SIMILAR POINTS.)

7. CUBA'S PET PARAGRAPH CALLING FOR "IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL END" TO US EMBARGO ON CUBA, INDEMNIZATION FOR MATERIAL LOSSES OCCASIONED BY EMBARGO, AND RETURN TO CUBA OF GUANTANAMO WAS ADOPTED WITHOUT CHANGE. ACCORDING TO LATIN AMERICAN DELS, PARAGRAPH IS TRADITIONAL. ALSO, SINCE NO COUNTRY COMPLAINED ABOUT CUBA'S INTERVENTIONS, NO DEL APPARENTLY FELT NEED TO SUPPORT US RESTRICTIONS

AGAINST CUBA.

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8. ON SOUTHERN CONE, FINAL COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR RETURN OF MALVINAS (FALKLAND ISLANDS) TO ARGENTINA, URGED UN SEC GEN AND PRESIDENT GA TO WORK FOR RESTORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE AND TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON MISSING PERSONS, AND CONDEMNED INCREASE OF TIES BETWEEN CHILE, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY, BOLIVIA AND "OTHER COUNTRIES" AND SOUTH AFRICA. (COMMENT: LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES, WHO WERE CAUCUSING TOGETHER, WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF CUBA, HAD WANTED TO MINIMIZE MENTION AND UNFAVORABLE DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUAL LATIN AMERICAN STATES. WHILE THEY WERE PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL IN THIS, FOR EXAMPLE, IN BELIZE PARAGRAPH AND IN ELIMINATION OF CUBAN DRAFT'S DESCRIPTION OF SOUTHERN CONE STATES AS "REACTIONARY REGIMES", BOTH SOUTH AFRICA PARAGRAPH AND PARAGRAPH IN MIDDLE EAST SECTION ON ISRAELI ARMS SALES MENTIONED INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES BY NAME - IN LATTER CASE, GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA. AS RESULT, PERU AND JAMAICA FORMALLY RESERVED ON SOUTH AFRICAN PARAGRAPH, ALONG WITH INDIA, INDONESIA, SRI LANKA, AND ZAIRE.)

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9. ONLY OTHER SUBSTANTIAL POINT ON LATIN AMERICA WAS COMMUNIQUE'S CALL FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR ALL REMAINING COLONIAL TERRITORIES AND FOR CLOSURE OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES.

10. COMMENT: LATIN AMERICAN/CARIBBEAN CAUCUS LIMITED SUCCESS WAS DUE BOTH TO GUYANA TENDENCY TO SUPPORT CUBAN LINE - TO GREATER EXTENT THAN JAMAICA - AND ARGENTINE UNWILLINGNESS TO STAND OUT AS DEFENDER OF LATIN MILITARY REGIMES, PARTICULARLY WHEN CONFERENCE WAS SUPPORTING BUENOS AIRES' CLAIMS TO MALVINAS. PERUVIANS, ON OTHER HAND, PURPORTEDLY WERE ONE OF FEW MAJOR FORCES FOR MODERATION IN CONFERENCE.
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